



*The Delaware Crossing Patriot  
Kansas Society  
Sons of the American Revolution  
August 2023  
Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960*

*The Revolution is coming!  
Two Years - Eleven Months - Four Days*

**NEXT MEETING:**

**When:** August 19, 2023

**Where:** Hilton Garden Inn. 12080 Strang Line Road, Olathe, KS 66062, 9:00am

**Reservations & Cost:** For reservations, email [Secretary@dxsar.com](mailto:Secretary@dxsar.com) or call Kevin Dyches (913)-568-9998 by 7:00 PM, Tuesday, August 15, 2023.

**Cost:** **\$22.00/person**

**Program:** Special Forces

**CALENDAR & COMING EVENTS**

**September 2023**

- 13 DX EC Meeting
- 16 DX Annual Picnic, Flag Retirement Memorial Service

**October 2023**

- 18 DX EC Meeting
- 21 DX Chapter Meeting

**November 2023**

- 4 BOG Meeting
- 15 DX EC Meeting
- 18 DX Chapter Meeting – DX Anniversary Celebration

**The President's Corner**



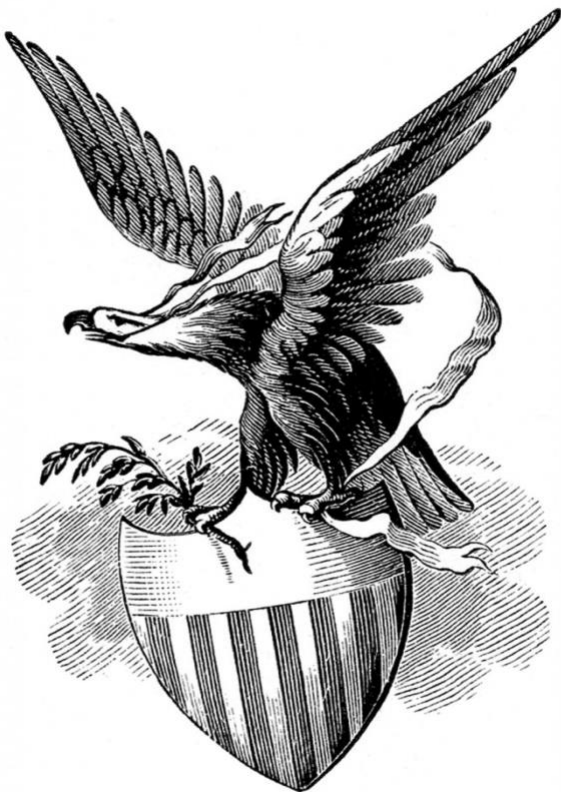
By Larry Tatum

We have a special meeting on August 19th. We will be celebrating the 750<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Delaware Crossing Chapter.

Our Chapter is older than 750 months, but since we didn't meet for several months during the COVID epidemic, this is the actual 750<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting. We are among an elite group to not only have had this large number of meetings, but we are flourishing as a top tier Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Thanks to our dedicated members, the Delaware Crossing Chapter sets the standard for how a SAR Chapter should operate. In every category, DX is always highly involved, and we strive to make not only our Chapter better, but we contribute to the success of the Kansas State and National Societies.

Plan to attend the August 19<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting and celebrate this rare milestone achievement with us.



Walt Schley is presented the Certificate of Appreciation by Larry Tatum

### **Emotional and Educational Program**

The July Chapter Meeting program present by Compatriot Walt Schley of the Henry Leavenworth Chapter was both emotional and educational. It was a program about the Purple Heart Medal and some of its recipients including Walt Schley.

The Purple Heart is awarded by the military services of the United States in the name of the President to those significantly injured or killed while serving in action after 5 April 1917. There was some difficulty getting it established until General Douglas McArthur gave it his significant attention and issued a new design with the image of George Washington on the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington. The first recipient of the modern-day Purple Heart was General Douglas McArthur.

The Purple Heart replaced the Badge of Military Merit first established by George Washington as Commander and Chief by order on 7 August 1782. One of the most famous civilians to earn the Purple Heart was Ernie Pyle, a war correspondent who covered World War II from the trenches of Europe before being killed in the Battle of Okinawa.

Audie Murphy received the Purple Heart three times during World War II. He also received every combat award for valor available from the Army -- including the Medal of Honor -- as well as French and Belgian awards for heroism. Audie Murphy became a famous actor after his military service, we older person can remember him.

One can tell the meaning of this medal to its recipients by observing moments in the presentation by Walt Schley.

The mission of the **Purple Heart** Service Foundation is to enhance the quality of life of **Purple Heart** recipients and other honorably discharged veterans and their families. Should you wish to donate to those recipients in need.

Walt Schley actively contributes his support.



Walt and Kathleen Schley



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Walt Schley as a 20-year-old Sargent receiving the Purple Heart.



Alan Martin (MC), Dan Dryer (DX), Larry Tatum (DX), Dewey Fry (DX), and Jeff Winters (MC).

### **Kansas Society Color Guard Receives Recognition**

The Kansas Society Color Guard was represented by Alan Martin, Dan Dryer, Larry Tatum, Dewey Fry and Jeff Winters in the Lenexa, KS 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. The large crowd that had assembled to view the annual parade were extremely appreciative of the Kansas Society's participation.

As the Color Guard approached, cheers were heard and the everyone in attendance stood, removed their hats, and placed their hands over their hearts. We were overwhelmed by the outstanding show of patriotism. Those that feel that patriotism has declined need to attend next year's parade. It will warm your heart.

The judges chose Sons of the American Revolution: Kansas Society Color Guard for the Special Judges' Choice Award in recognition of the group's dedication in honoring the flag and for celebrating the theme of Independence Day. They reminded all of us why we love our country and where we started from. When they came by, we all were so proud to share the American Flag and what it stands for...Freedom.

## Congratulations to the 2023 Award Winners!

**Best of Show** - Dave's Deuces  
Classic Military Vehicles

**Lenexa Community Spirit** -  
Lenexa VFW 7397 Color Guard and  
Auxiliary and Riders

**Best Showmanship** - Renaissance  
Festival

**Best Business** - Beaks n Wings,  
Inc.

**Best Classic Cars** - Corvette Club  
of Kansas City

**Good Neighbor Award** - Lenexa  
Police Department

**Best Children's Entry** - JKR  
Lenexa Karate

**Special Judge's Choice Award** -  
Kansas Society Sons of the  
Revolution Color Guard



Walt Schley presents The Distinguished Service Award to Larry Tatum

### Military Order of the Purple Heart Distinguished Service Award

By Larry Tatum

I am totally surprised and undeserving of any award, especially one such as this. I have to confess that all that I have done is offer to help celebrate the Leavenworth, KS Veteran's Day Parade in any way possible to support our military veterans that have been awarded the Purple Heart Medal.

In the 2021 parade, I escorted Paul Rojas, who lied about his age to fight in Korea. Because he had served below the required age, he wasn't recognized as a veteran until General Colin Powell allowed these unsung heroes to gain the veteran status.

I escorted Keara Torkelson in the 2022 parade. Keara is an amazing veteran who was twice

wounded, shot in the head and in her back, during the Fort Hood Terrorist Attack.

The ones that I drove in the parades should receive any and all honor for I was just providing transportation.



### **Patriot Chest Status**

Compatriots, the status of our Chapter's Patriot Chest is looking good thanks those who have contributed, especially John Forbes, David Yuengert and Bruce Smith.

Accompanying this article is a list of items that have been donated and should be ready to display at the Shawnee Indian Mission Fall Festival in October.

I few items desired still remain to be acquired. If you wish to acquire one or more of those listed, please contact Dewey Fry before you make a purchase as the item or items may have been already acquired.

Items still desired are as follows:

Bone Dominos, Clarke Tin Whistle, String Activated Wooden Toy Spinning Top, Girls Colonial Cap, Girls Chemese, and Boys Workshirt. Almost all of these can be acquired from Townsends or found on Amazon.

You may donate any Revolutionary War Period item that you think would fit in the Patriot Chest and be especially interesting to children.

If you wish to make a monetary donation, please send a check to our Chapter Treasurer Shawn Cowing at

13110 W 127 Terr.

Overland Park, KS 66213

Note "For Patriot Trunk"

Or you may give check to the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer at a Chapter Meeting.

Money will be spent on items for the Patriot Chest Dewey Fry, 913-897-9502 or [deweyf@kc.rr.com](mailto:deweyf@kc.rr.com).

### Items Donated to Delaware Crossing Chapter Patriot Chest

| Item  | Person                   |
|---|--------------------------|
| Small Wooden Chest (27 lbs., 1 1/2 cu ft)                             | John W. Forbes           |
| Distressed Wooden Chest (2 3/16 cu ft)                                | H. Dewey Fry             |
| Antelope Fur, use as Table Cover                                      | John W. Forbes           |
| Cup and Ball Toy (large ball)   | John W. Forbes           |
| Cup and Ball Toy (small ball)   | H. Dewey Fry             |
| Pieces of Eight (coins in hole to cut into pie piece shaped sections) | H. Dewey Fry             |
| Powder Horn   | Mary & Christopher Bouck |
| Cotton Canvas Haversack*  | Dennis Nelson            |
| Tow in Leather Bag  | John W. Forbes           |
| 4inch diameter and 2inch diameter tins                                | H. Dewey Fry             |
| 10 Bone Buttons   | H. Dewey Fry             |
| Tin Candle Holder   | H. Dewey Fry             |
| 2ea 7 Inch Bees Wax Candles   | H. Dewey Fry             |
| Box of 12 Bees Wax Candles  | David Yuengert           |
| One Pound Block of Bees Wax   | H. Dewey Fry             |

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| Striker and Flints for Fire-Starting   | John W. Forbes            |
| Slate with Chalk Pencil*   | John W. Forbes            |
| Single Cut Quill   | John W. Forbes            |
| Four Feathers for making quills  | Dennis Nelson             |
| Handmade Lye Soap Bar*   | John W. Forbes            |
| Pot Scrubber   | John W. Forbes            |
| Deluxe White Stoneware Ribbed Pipe   | John W. Forbes            |
| Compass with Time Capability   | John W. Forbes            |
| Miniature Liberty Bell   | Dennis Nelson             |
| Tobacco Tin with Char Cloth and Cotton Cloth Patches for making char cloth.                            | John W. Forbes            |
| 3 US Constitution and Declaration of Independence booklets and one Declaration of Independence booklet | Delaware Crossing Chapter |
| Wire Fork for Eating   | Bruce Smith               |
| Two Char Cloths for fire-starting  | Bruce Smith               |
| Clay Pipe  | Bruce Smith               |
| Mortar and Pestle  | Bruce Smith               |
| 2 Bone Comb  | Bruce Smith               |

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| Char Cloth and Flints*                  | Kirk Rush      |
| Lantern, for Candle with 4 Glass Panel* | John W. Forbes |
| 10 Inch Pewter Plate*                   | David Yuengert |
| Medium Pierced Pin Lantern*             | David Yuengert |
| Beeswax Candles, Pack of 12*            | David Yuengert |
| 1 Horn Spoon                            | Bruce Smith    |
| 1 Horn Spoon*                           | David Yuengert |
| 1 Redware Inkwell*                      | David Yuengert |
| Men's Period Work Shirt                 | John W. Forbes |
| Ladies Chemise*                         | Bruce Smith    |
| Ladies Cap*                             | Bruce Smith    |
| Wooden Spinning Tops-fingers activated* | Dewey Fry      |

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Updated July 31, 2023

\*Items acquired in possession of person indicated but not yet in Patriot Chest ready to show.

### Items to Accompany Patriot Chest to Events

| Item                             | Ownership                    |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Charville Flintlock Musket       | Delaware Crossing Chapter CG |
| Long Rifle Flintlock             | H. Dewey Fry                 |
| SAR Minuteman Retractable Banner | Delaware Crossing Chapter    |
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